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# THE ROGUES' CLUB.

has been doing a thriving business during the past week. One branch of the club, who probably have their rendezvous in the northern portion of the town, borrowed Mr. Wm. Garibaldi's horses, and went to the country, where we did not learn, but brought the meat to town on the horses. Some of the parties were tracked through the mud, and strong suspicions excited as to who they were. The bloody bag, in which the meat was carried, was found, and the horses' backs were covered with blood. Another branch of the club, whose rendezvous in somewhere around the public square, captured a dressed porker at the American Hotel, which the proprietors had just purchased. Another squad, probably belonging to the central branch of the club, entered Mr. Isaac Paul's store, on Sunday night, by removing a portion of the brick wall and entering through the floor. A quantity of bacon and a variety of goods were taken by the thieves. A portion of them were found on Tuesday morning, secreted about a house owned by E. J. Sullivan, Esq., and occupied by colored people. Several families, in the town and neighborhood, had chickens, turkeys, &c., stolen about the same time. Some of the parties, suspected to belong to the Rogues' Club, will be closely watched hereafter, and they may get caught.

We are glad to state that the people living along the line of road from Harrisonburg to Bawley Springs are becoming interested in the importance of good roads. On Saturday evening last, a meeting of citizens will be held at Weaver's Church, the object of which is a permanent organization, and to ascertain what amount of contributions will be made in the shape of labor for the purpose. We learn that a large number have expressed themselves willing to contribute largely in the way of work, and we hope to hear of a large turn out, and that a sufficient amount will be contributed to justify the immediate commencement of this important work.

We will with pleasure publish the proceedings of the meeting. We are very favorable to such enterprises, and hope that the people of other sections of the county will make similar moves to accomplish the same purpose. Good roads always make a country more pleasant, and the lands more valuable.

**HEAVY RAID UPON THE THIEVES.**—Some dozen of our colored population were arrested, on Tuesday last, charged with being concerned in the various robberies mentioned in another article. They embrace men, women and boys. Some of these parties have been suspected of stealing for some time, but they have managed to escape detection until now. Our community, after quietly submitting to the depredations of these rogues, at last seems to have been aroused, and measures will be adopted to rid the town of this pestilential class. The accused parties will have a hearing before the Mayor, and justice will no doubt be dealt to the guilty.

**THE LYCEUM.**—The following question will be discussed on Friday evening next: "Ought the Government of the United States encourage immigration?" The following are the debaters: Affirmative, Payne and Pennybacker; negative, Cosby and Blackburn.

Lyceum will meet at 8 o'clock. The citizens are invited to attend. Question for discussion, Friday, the 29th inst.: "Would an early resumption of specie payments promote the prosperity of the commercial and business affairs of the country?"

Debaters: Affirmative, O'Ferrall and Gatwood; negative, Moffatt and Roller. L. V. WATKINS, Sec'y.

We are informed that there will be a meeting of the present Overseers of the Poor, at the office of Charles A. Yancy, Esq., on Thursday, the 3d day of February, 1870, for the purpose of investigating the transactions of the "Building Committee" of the former Board. We are glad to know that the Overseers are making a move in this important matter. The people of this city are anxious to know upon whom rests the responsibility of the enormous expenditure of \$27,000 for the building of the Poor-House, and we hope the matter will receive a thorough investigation, and the much-talked-of matter settled finally.

**NEW MEAT SHOP.**—The attention of those who want beef, pork, mutton, or anything in the meat line, is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Lupton & Brown, who have just opened a new meat market opposite our office, in rear of the First National Bank. Their room is neatly fitted up, and we have no doubt they will furnish nice meats, and at reasonable prices. They are clever young men, and we hope they will be liberally patronized.

**THE NEW WORLD.**—A new weekly paper, the second No. of which was issued January 1, 1870, is a first-class literary journal, independent in politics, yet fearless in the discussion of all public questions. The larger portion of its space is devoted to light literature, and gives its readers a weekly commentary on events of general interest at home and abroad. Though its scope is large, it will present nothing to which the most fastidious can object. It is printed in a form of sixteen pages, 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches, and sent free to subscribers in any part of the U. S. for \$4.50 per annum in advance. Address The New World, New York Tribune office, 30 Park Row, N. Y.

**FOR THE FARM, GARDEN, AND HOUSEHOLD.**—We can confidently recommend all our readers to promptly provide themselves with the AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST for 1870. We have received the first number of the 29th Annual Volume, and find it filled with a large amount of exceedingly practical, useful information, and only on every subject pertaining to agriculture, including the Garden, the Lawn, and the Flower bed, and the care of the little plots of the City and Village homestead, but also for the Housekeeper, and the Children. Many excellent engraved illustrations, which give additional interest to every number. Taken altogether, the AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST is one of the most beautiful and valuable journals in the world, adapted equally to City, Village, Country, while it is a marvel of cheapness, owing to its unprecedented circulation, which divides the cost of preparation among so many, that a great deal can be given to each. Terms, \$1.50 a year; four copies \$5, or ten copies for \$12. It is richly worth all its costs and more. Orange Judd & Co., Publishers, 245 Broadway, New York.

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# Court Proceedings.

We are indebted to G. W. Garrett, Esq., Deputy Clerk for the following statement of the proceedings of the County Court of Rockingham, January Term, 1870:

Present: Henry Berry, Wm. N. Gay, D. N. Niswander, Cyrus Wise and John C. McDorman—Justices.  
Order assigning hands on road, precinct No. 22, over which Samuel N. Wine is manager.  
Newman W. Cave granted Tavern License until May next, with privilege of retailing spirituous liquors and wines under said contract.

Abraham Miller, (Road Master) Jacob Shickel and John W. Allen, were appointed Commissioners to view the route for a road proposed to be opened running from near Bridgewater towards Paul's Mill—the former road having been washed away. Catherine Grim's Estate committed to Sheriff, on motion of Geo. W. Kemper, Jr., one of the creditors of said estate.

Michael Christian, (colored) appeared in court and was recognized in the sum of \$50 for the appearance of Elizabeth, a colored woman who has been indicted for petit larceny.

Martha Louderberry's estate committed to Sheriff on motion of Robert Louderberry. Sillings vs. Goodman, judgment on attachment sent out before Justice for \$—  
A. J. Johnson qualified (giving bond with) as administrator of Sarah Armentrout.

Warfield vs. Warfield—in Chancery Decree.

Stinepring vs. Klor, garnishes—judgment for plaintiff upon suggestion.  
May's administrator vs. Wright—award execution on delivery bond.

Walker vs. Berry—Notice vs. Constable's Judgment for debt and costs of Sheriff. Franklin Life's estate committed to Sheriff.

Rouhoof and Koonits vs. Moyers—judgment upon attachment.  
Smith vs. Robinson, Chancery Decree.

Jones and McGee vs. account for repairs to Court House and Clerks office allowed.  
Loewenbach vs. Robertson—judgment vs. Robertson, Sheriff of Page county, for \$20 fine and costs for failing to return execution.

Smith & Co. vs. Holman—Decree.  
Goffman's Executor vs. Goffman—judgment on suggestion for Plaintiff's demand and costs.  
Bonds vs. Bowman—Unlawful Detainer.

Rule vs. J. H. Berry witness for Plaintiff.

The petition of P. D. Zimmerman and others for a public road is dismissed.  
Report of Commissioner W. D. C. Covington and others, on road precincts No. 40, 41, 42 and 44, were returned and adopted by the Court, and many changes made, and steps taken to keep these roads in law.

Elizabeth Keyser, by her notice in writing, renounces her right under her husband's will. The certificate of such fact, together with other papers connected therewith, ordered to be recorded.  
In reference to the proposition to appropriate a sum of money towards the survey through this county for purposes of Shenandoah Rail Road—a vote of justices was taken and resulted in a defeat of the proposition. Vote as follows: Wm. D. Maiden, O. F. Shank, Wm. N. Gay, C. S. Wise, Jas. C. McDorman, A. C. Long, G. W. Skelton and A. G. Holden, all voted in the negative; Henry Berry, D. N. Niswander, G. W. Sanford and Jas. Gangway voted yes.

Kiser vs. Brown—Notice, docketed, and order revoking powers as administrator of Wm. Carpenter, dec'd.

Barley vs. Kurling—Suggestion. Rule vs. Deft. to show cause why judgment should not be entered up against him at next term.

Charles H. Lewis, Commonwealth's Attorney, allowed \$6 for presenting one case of misdemeanor, which is ordered to be certified to Auditor of Public Accounts.

Plaintiff vs. Defendant docketed.  
Rule awarded vs. S. Dinkel, administrator of Nancy Devier, dec'd, to show cause why he should not be held and attached for failing to settle his administration accounts before Commissioner of this Court.

Hayes vs. Sites unlawful detainer—Continued for Defendant.

Almoning & Pool vs. Walton, Whann & Co.—dismissed.

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY RAILROAD.**—On the 15th day of February, 1870, the commissioners previously appointed for the purpose, will open books to receive subscriptions to the Shenandoah Railroad Company, amounting to \$1,000,000, in shares of \$100 each. The books will be opened in Harrisonburg under the superintendence of S. A. Coffman, Henry Forrer, and A. M. Newman, or any two of them; in Luray, under the direction of P. B. Best, Wm. Milges, and B. F. Gray, or any two of them; and in the counties of Jefferson, Frederick, Clark, Warren, Augusta, Rockbridge, Botetourt, and Roanoke, under the superintendence of commissioners named.

**CONCERT AT MR. VANSON FORD'S.**—Several weeks since we called attention to the series of Winter evening entertainments, organized by a number of ladies and gentlemen at Mr. Vanson Ford's. On Saturday evening next, January 22, the last entertainment of the series will take place, and it will be a high intellectual treat to all who attend. Prof. Henry Schaff will read Shamus O'Brien and other pieces, which is an evidence of the high character of the entertainment.

The attention of Factory men is called to the advertisement of Wm. Jobe & Son, Bruceton, Va. The machinery offered for sale is no doubt good, and can be bought on fair terms.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of LAMBERT'S RURAL REGISTER and ALMANAC for 1870. It contains a large amount of valuable information for farmers, horticulturists, gardeners, &c. Published by David Laidroch & Son, Philadelphia.

[For the Old Commonwealth.]  
Everybody COMMONWEALTH:—It would, for my humble judgment, at least be some satisfaction to your patrons and fellow citizens to know why our Police force, (something less than a dozen) who are so efficient in dragging maddened wretches, and harmless belligerents to the "Lock Up," have so successfully killed and strangled all our citizens, one of the highest grade which are nightly, yet triumphantly committed under their very noses. If they (the Police) can find it in their hearts to let off drunken men to jail at the rates of one dollar per diem, might they not, for a slightly increased compensation, be induced to look after the other material interests of the community.

Respectfully,  
CITIZEN.

Dr. Hunter McGuire, formerly Medical Director of Stonewall Jackson's Army Corps, has been elected President of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

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# "State of Chesapeake."

Idle talk is again revived of the scheme to consolidate the State of Delaware, the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Accomack county, in Virginia, into a new State, to be called Chesapeake. The thirteen counties in the three States make the peninsula lying between the Chesapeake, the Delaware river and the Atlantic ocean. The beauty of the scheme is that it is now to be carried out according to the modern plan of reconstructing States, under a simple act of Congress, or, perhaps, a military order. Delaware is to be stricken from the constellation of States of the Union.

Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

A dispatch received from Atlanta intimates that Genl. Terry's investigation shows that there are three State senators and ten representatives who were actually disqualified from taking the oath in the Georgia bill, and that they will therefore be expelled by military order. As the Legislature stands now, the conservatives have complete control. It is the intention of the President to submit to the House this week the official report received by the general of the army of the results of the election in Mississippi, and the reconstruction committee, as matters now stand, will be able to report next week a bill admitting Mississippi without further conditions. Thus far no reason has appeared to the majority against the immediate admission of the State, and there will probably be no delay in that particular. But in the case of Texas some opposition was made, though that is a matter of considerable delay, as the full official returns are not expected here for at least a month.

Richard Wright, about twenty-one years old, only son of Mrs. Sarah Wright, a widow living at Middletown, was thrown from his horse near Odellville, on Saturday last, and instantly killed.—Warren Sentinel.

The Richmond State Journal says that "before Virginia must be sooner or later, Republican—Reform, Probable, yes, "perforce"—not otherwise.—Alex. Gazette.

**THE MLE WEATHER.**—Professor Thatcher's weather bulletin in New York is calculated to make people feel uncomfortable. He says the present mildness of the temperature is almost unprecedented, and the public are told to prepare to hear news of further earthquakes with great storms to Europe. Here at home he is of opinion that extra care should be taken to enforce the sanitary laws.

Mississippi.

JACKSON, Jan. 15.—The Legislature has ratified the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. Senators will be elected on Monday.

B. S. Egerton, R. W. Filer and General Ames are candidates.

Governor Alcorn has written a letter to Gen. Ames declining the provisional governorship coming from military power and depending for its support upon the military. He says: "The fitness of things seems to forbid my acceptance of it, while in the immediate prospect the position of civil Government by that sanction most acceptable to my instincts as an American citizen—that of popular choice. I may, perhaps, be indulged in the frank confession that under the following in error and chicanery which I am bound to the Southern people, I am untroubled by an irresistible impulse of my heart to draw back from any part or lot in their government by any other right than that of their own conscience."

**Reported Surrender of Cuban Insurgents.**

HAVANA, Jan. 15.—The Gazette to day publishes dispatches from the seat of war announcing the surrender of insurgents in large numbers. The Spanish troops in the central department are on the march to attack the insurgents. The Spanish mail steamer which sailed to day took a memorial signed by 1,000 Spaniards, requesting the Government to order granting liberties and reforms in Porto Rico.

The document given as a reason for this request that the granting of these privileges will prove highly injurious to the cause of Spain in Cuba, and will be used as a weapon against the Spaniards and weaken the power of the Government. The residents of Cuba at present do not desire reforms. The country is unprepared to receive them, and the people prefer to wait until Cuba is reconstituted.

**CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.**

New York, Jan. 16.—Havana letters of January 8th say the insurgents are again overrunning the districts of Bayamo and Manzanillo, Spaniards express the belief that military operations will be more active and successful. The Ciego Villan district will be entirely pacified shortly.

**The Winnipeg War.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Matters are becoming very serious in Pembina. The French have seized the safe of the Hudson Bay Company at Fort Gray, with a quarter of a million of pounds in gold, to pay troops.

It is rumored that the Sioux Indians were coming down the Dakota and Minnesota. The people fear another Indian war.

**MARRIED.**

At Broad Street Church, Richmond, Va., by Rev. Charles H. Read, assisted by Rev. Dr. Edwards on Wednesday morning, Jan. 5, 1870, Mr. John Graham, Esq., formerly of Harrisonburg, and Miss E. Hendrick Jones, daughter of the late John Jones, of Richmond.

**DIED.**

On Thursday night the 8th instant, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Isaac Furner, near Woodstock, Shenandoah county, Mr. ABRAHAM SHUE, in the 83d year of his age.

Mr. Shue, when in the prime of his manhood, lived in Woodstock, with the late Jacob Ott, with whom he wrought for some time as a tanner. During the latter days of his life, however, he resided with his family at Timberline, in this county. Possessed by nature of a vigorous body and a mind well cultivated by reading, the deceased was a man of considerable intelligence, unswerving integrity and a true neighbor. He was held in the highest esteem by all who were acquainted with him. Indeed, he exemplified in his life the noble bearing of the true gentleman, the highest degree of forbearance and kindness to his neighbors, and the beautiful simplicity of christian faith and practice. These he faithfully taught to his children and all others who came under his control, both by precept and example. For several years, since the decease of his companion, he had resided with his son-in-law, Mr. Isaac Furner, who was a kind and generous host, and his death was a great loss to the family and the community. He retained his usual health



